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The recent suit by AOL regarding Netscape is a travesty. AOL purchased Netscape at a very low cost, lwith full knowledge that Microsoft had the dominant position for a browser.

This move by AOL, on top of the cases being presented by the nine states that have not agreed with the settlement between the U. S. Government and the other states, is just another example of the bad faith that these parties have brought to the attempt to reach a fair and reasonable settlement.

It is not in the best interests of the people of the world to prolong this debacle. Micorsoft has been a stabilizing force which allowed the entire world to communicate in a common language. The integration of the Microsoft Browser into Windows is a basic integration tool for the user. Much more effort is needed by the computer user to use Netscape in conjunction with text programs and spreadsheets.

The entire case of the dissenting nine states, as published in the newspapers is clearly an attempt to gain competitive advantage for companies with strong political ties in the dissenting states.

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